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in addition R1, R2, R3, R4 and R5, independently of one another, can stand for a

- straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms,
- straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms,
- straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group may be bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and, furthermore, the alkyl chain can also be interrupted by oxygen,
- sulphate group,
- phosphate group
- 25 and a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical, and

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- 5 and at least one of the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  or  $R^5$  is formed by -OA.
  - 3. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is of formula II

4. A compound according to Claim 2, wherein said compound is of formula II

- 15 5. In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 1.
- 6. In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 2.
- 7. In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 3.

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- 8. In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 4.
- 9. A cosmetic formulation according to Claim 5, where the formulation comprises one or more additional UV filters and/or antioxidants.
  - 10. A cosmetic formulation according to Claim 6, where the formulation comprises one or more additional UV filters and/or antioxidants.
  - 11. A method for protecting the body's cells of a patient against oxidative stress, in particular for reducing skin ageing, comprising administering to said patient a formulation according to claim 5.
  - 12. A method for protecting the body's cells of a patient against oxidative stress, in particular for reducing skin ageing, comprising administering to said patient a formulation according to claim 6.
  - 13. An enriched foodstuff comprising a foodstuff and at least one compound according to Claim 1.
- 14. An enriched foodstuff comprising a foodstuff and at least one compound 25 according to Claim 2.
  - 15. A compound according to Claim 1 as medicaments.
  - 16. A compound according to Claim 2 as medicaments.
  - 17. Use of a compound according to Claim 2\for the preparation of a medicament against oxidative stress, in particular for reducing skin ageing.
- 18. Use of a compound according to Claim 2 for the preparation of a medicament35 for the treatment of inflammations or allergic reactions.
  - 19. Use of a compound according to Claim 2 as antioxidant, in particular for cosmetic formulations.

20. Use of compounds according to Claim 2 for the stabilization of UV filters, in particular dibenzoylmethane and derivatives of dibenzoylmethane.

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